

Seattle Tunnel Partners monthly schedule – June 2018

The Washington State Department of Transportation’s contractor, Seattle Tunnel Partners, is responsible for designing and building the SR 99 tunnel. WSDOT’s contract with STP includes a number of elements. In addition to boring the tunnel and building the highway within it, STP is responsible for building highway ramps and other connections at the north and south ends of the tunnel. They are also constructing buildings at each tunnel portal to house controls for lighting, ventilation and other systems needed to operate the tunnel.

STP submits an updated schedule to WSDOT each month. These monthly schedules show projected durations for “critical-path” activities, which are activities that must be completed on time for the project to be finished on the projected completion date. An activity on the critical path cannot be started until certain prior activities are complete.

The detailed critical-path schedule can be found on the following pages. Like all large construction projects, the schedule for this project changes frequently. Because STP is responsible for the schedule under the terms of the project’s design-build contract, WSDOT cannot verify any of the dates shown in this schedule.

As a reminder, after STP hands over the tunnel to the state, work must be done to connect the new tunnel to SR 99 in the south and Aurora Avenue North in the north. Based on STP’s schedule, WSDOT estimates the tunnel would open to traffic as early as fall 2018.

